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THIS IS COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT CALIFORNIA STATE NORMAL

Class of 76 Members will Be Graduated on Wednesday Next

CLASS DAY EXERCISES TUESDAY

The annual commencement of the California State Normal School began yesterday, the 18th, and will continue until Wednesday evening next. At the commencement the class of 1920, consisting of 76 members, will be graduated. During this period a number of elaborate exercises and social events will be planned.

The commencement week opened Friday with the presentation of the junior class play, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," under the direction of Miss Marjorie Lee, of the department of public speaking. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. A. E. Goble, president of Albright College, Meyerstown, Sunday evening, June 20. Monday, June 21, the piano pupils of Dr. Charles Veon will render their annual recital.

Tuesday, June 22, at 1:30 p. m. the class day exercises will be observed and on the evening of the same day the annual Ohio-Philio inter-society literary contest will be the feature. In this contest a Charleroi girl will have part, Miss Grace Anderson being the representative of the Ohio society in the oration, and will be opposed by Miss Louise Miller of California.

Wednesday, June 23, will be commencement day and the commencement address will be delivered by Dr. J. I. Woodruff, of Selins Grove, a member of the state board of education, and author of the teachers' salary bill, the diplomas to the graduates will be presented by Prof. Fritz, principal of the school.

It is anticipated that commencement week this year will be one of the most successful in the history of the school, and a large number of visitors are expected for the various events which are scheduled to take place.

MISSING FOOTING AND IS DROWNED

In an attempt to board the steamer J. C. Risher at Lock Four this morning a man by the name of White, a deckhand, fell into the river and was drowned. White was on the retaining or guard wall and took hold of the second deck and attempted to swing to the lower deck of the boat. It is thought he missed his footing and fell between the boat and the wall. He was not seen after falling into the water. All efforts to recover the body so far have been in vain.

Notice Maccabees.

A special meeting will be held at the Charleroi Hotel Monday June 21 at 1:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

Mary T. Hardwick.

D. D. Good Brooms, Two for \$1.00. Kirk 12-12* & Clark Dollar sale tonight. 12-12*

DECIDING GAME HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

Because the Monessen High school vacation has started and it was impossible for Coach Townsend to assemble his team of diamond stars that won the championship of the W. P. I. A. L. in the outside districts, their game with the Allegheny High winners of the title in the Pittsburgh section, scheduled for Friday, has been cancelled. The Monessen team was at the Carnegie Tech grounds on Wednesday ready for the fray, but the weather conditions were against the game and it was postponed, only to be finally cancelled.

LARGE STATE MAP SHOWS ALL ROADS

Lewis S. Sadler, State Highway Commissioner, has in his office at Harrisburg the largest map of Pennsylvania in the country.

Its size is not its only attraction however. It was not designed to be a thing of beauty and yet seen at a little distance, with the overhead electric lights full upon it, it looks like some great rug sown with varicolored gems hung against the wall.

To protect it from the over-curious who might be inclined to let their fingers stray over the sinuous lines of color it is shut off by a massive brass rail.

This remarkable example of the cartographer's art has outlined upon its surface every road in the state of Pennsylvania.

It shows at a glance the entire system of highways which are under the direction and control of the department; what condition they are in, what improvements are under way and their nature and character.

Thousands of tiny colored pushpins stuck in the map along each line of road, like endless files of lilliputian soldiers on parade, indicate the nature of work in progress.

If it is contract work on a main arterial highway, a certain color is used to mark the highway itself and another, running parallel, to designate the particular kind of work the contract calls for.

Other prismatic pushpins show improvements in contemplation or partly completed, state-aid projects and road building undertaken by the department itself.

It is a wonderful speech-saving device, for under the direction of any one of the technical experts of the department a visitor, in the brief space of sixty seconds, can see just what has been done or is doing upon any road or highway in the state, in which he may be interested.

Notice Knights of Malta

All members meet at Hall Sunday evening at 6 o'clock to attend services at Monongahela. 12-12

STRENUOUS TIME ON OUTING TRIP

Dr. J. W. Manon, who made a trip to McCarrell's Mills on Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by his wife and daughters Virginia and Irene, to visit his daughter Irene who is a member of a girl's camping party, at that place, had quite a strenuous experience before he returned to Charleroi the following evening.

When he left Charleroi Wednesday forenoon there was no indication of a storm which later in the afternoon caused so much havoc to the roads in the county, and which did considerable damage to a number of small bridges. On the way they were overtaken by the storm, but managed to cross Craft creek on a small wooden bridge just before it was carried away by the rising waters of the stream and deposited on the bank quite a distance below.

The next morning Dr. Manon, along with four other volunteers, went to the woods, where a number of trees were felled and dressed to make timbers to serve for a new bridge to replace the one washed out the night before. After the timbers were placed the party then secured the planking from the old bridge and nailed them on the new timbers, thus making the new structure ready for service. After this task had been completed, which required several hours, the Dr. and his party were ready to return to Charleroi, arriving here about 5 o'clock in the evening.

THIGH BROKEN WHEN THROWN FROM BICYCLE

Victor Boer, of 318 Meadow avenue, while riding his bicycle this morning, met with an accident which will keep him confined to his home for several weeks. The boy was riding along Crest avenue, south and just as he reached Fifth street he endeavored to cross in front of a Buick roadster, bearing license number 432-023, driven by Wilbur Steele of Speers. The auto was coming down hill, and the boy evidently misjudged the speed, for the right fender of the machine struck the tire on his rear wheel. The bicycle was knocked over and the boy thrown off and he sustained a fracture of the right thigh. He was brought at once to the office of Dr. Enos, where the fracture was reduced and then taken to his home. The accident happened shortly before 10 o'clock.

ANOTHER BIG COAL DEAL IN GREENE CO.

A deed was placed on record at Waynesburg on Friday for the transfer of almost 8,000 acres of coal in the vicinity of Clarksville, from J. G. Patterson of Pittsburg, to the W. J. Rainey interests. Most of the coal lies in Morgan township, between the two forks of Ten Mile creek. The consideration named in the deed is \$1 but the transfers bear \$3,000 in revenue stamps, indicating that the real consideration is \$3,000,000. The coal underlies 27 different farms.

DAMAGE TO ROAD WAS VERY HEAVY

It is estimated that at least one hundred feet of the concrete roadway along the river opposite Monongahela, was destroyed by the landslide of Wednesday night. Moreover, it is anticipated that another slide, which will bring down several hundred tons of additional earth, is only a matter of a few days. The Lake Erie railroad has a large force of men at work with a steam shovel removing the debris from the railroad right of way, and this work will take at least a week. After that time Allegheny county will have a big job on hand to repair the road. If the road is to be opened to traffic very soon it will be necessary to bridge the break; but the authorities have not yet announced their intention as to what their action will be. In any event it is going to take several weeks before the roadway is in shape for traffic.

SMALL BOY WAS UNABLE TO SWIM

Deputy Coroner Crowley made an investigation Friday afternoon into the circumstances surrounding the drowning of Jesse Small, the 14-year-old colored boy, at the reservoir at the Macbeth-Evans plant. It developed that the company prohibits the boys from using the pool for bathing purposes, but they take advantage particularly at the lunch hour at 10 o'clock in the evening to take a "dip."

Three boys were in the pool Thursday night when Small came. He undressed and stood for a time on the concrete wall. Then he moved to another part of the wall and prepared to plunge. Before making the dive he said to one of the boys who had just come out of the water, "You save me if I can't swim." They thought he was joking, but once in the water it was evident that Small could not swim. A small boy in the pool at the time tried to render help, but the Small boy was so heavy that he had to give it up. Another boy ran for assistance and the whistle was blown, but when the lad was taken from the water he was dead. Mr. Crowley will report the circumstances to Coroner Greenlee this afternoon, who will decide whether an inquest will be necessary. The Small boy had been employed at the factory about a week.

OVER THREE HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTENDED

A total of 360 delegates were registered as attending the convention of the Sunday School Association, which terminated its two day convention in Charleroi Friday evening. This number would have been much larger had the weather conditions been more favorable, but the storm of Wednesday left the transportation lines in such shape that many from the distant parts of the county could not make the trip. Had conditions been favorable it is estimated that a least six hundred delegates would have been present.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CONFERENCE CLOSES THE COUNTY CONVENTION

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Former County Commissioner W. J. Smith of Washington, who was elected a delegate from the 24th congressional district to the Democratic national convention, which convenes at San Francisco on the 28th of June, and who has been ill for the past two weeks, will not be able to attend the convention as planned. He is suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. Mr. Smith's place will be taken by E. W. Hastings, treasurer of the Charleroi Savings and Trust company, who was elected as an alternate delegate.

STORM CAUSED A WEDDING DELAY

Rev. John R. Burson pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, who was in Waynesburg on Wednesday, officiated at a wedding in the Greene county capital that afternoon, which was finally performed after a rather strenuous and anxious wait on the part of the parties directly interested.

Rev. Burson was scheduled to reach Waynesburg about one o'clock which he did shortly before the heavy storm broke. He was to officiate at the wedding at 1:30 o'clock, the bride being Miss Mary Phoebe Day of Waynesburg, while the groom was George Ewing Shirk of Ruffs Creek. As the time for the nuptial approach, Mr. Burson was called to the phone where he received a message from the expectant groom, who said he was storm bound in a garage, with the water rushing past the doorway a foot deep. He told the preacher that he would be at the hotel as soon as possible to prepare for the event, but he had to wait for quite a while before he was able to do so. However, he finally reached the hotel where he changed himself in his wedding garments, but the weather, the girl's thing, was not satisfied, for even time the preacher and the groom would essay to set forth another squall of rain would prevent them. This sort of "hide and seek" game kept up until almost 5 o'clock, the bride in the meantime having been informed that the groom had been storm stayed, and would arrive when the elements had exhausted themselves. Finally about 5 o'clock the groom and the preacher were able to reach the home of the bride, where the ceremony was performed and everybody was happy, even if the event had to be involuntarily postponed for a number of hours.

A party of Charleroi High School girls, composed of Mabel, Mazie and Olive Parks, Mary and Gertrude Sloan, Miss Irene Manon, and Miss Carson of Allentown, have been enjoying a camping party at McCarrell's Mills, on the farm of B. C. McCarrell near Prosperity, during the week.

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Splendid Program Arranged for Concluding Day's Session

GOOD THEMES ARE PRESENTED

The Older Boys' and Girls' Conference, Young People's Division of the Washington County Sabbath School Association, is being held today at the High school auditorium.

Registration began at 9 o'clock this morning, followed at 9:30 by a song service, followed by an address by Rev. H. A. Riddle, of West Alexander, whose theme was, "God Able and Willing." At 10 o'clock the organization of conference and election of officers took place, after which classes were organized and sessions held.

A. K. Stokebrand of Philadelphia, spoke to the boys on the ideal department session, and Miss Mabel Guttery of Washington to the girls. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock. The presiding officer for the morning session was Russell Carroll of Charleroi.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 with the President presiding. After a song service Prof. R. B. English of W. & J. College, spoke on the theme, "Jesus Shall Reign." This was followed by an address by Rev. John R. Burson, whose topic was, "From Whence Cometh Our Help."

Separate sessions followed at 2:30 o'clock and the topics were, "How it Works," divided into Past, Present and Future, and "The Organized Class and Four Fold Life," with Miss Mabel Guttery and A. K. Stokebrand as leaders.

At 3:20 a joint session followed, with Benjamin Hays of Elrama, Miss Guttery and Mr. Stokebrand as speakers. At 4:30 Mr. Stokebrand spoke on "Stunts," and at 5:30 a banquet will be served at which Miss Ethel Priggs of Washington will be in charge. Special music will be given by the Washington Girls' Council.

At the evening session, which begins at 7 o'clock, Miss Sarah Dias of Monongahela, will preside. Special music will be furnished by the Monongahela Girls' Council, after which the pageant, "The Spirit of the Conference," by Charleroi girls, will be given. At 8 o'clock an address will be given by Mrs. Homer C. Keaton, of Pittsburg, her topic being "Where I Come In," which will be the concluding number of the conference.

CLEANING DEBRIS FROM PENNSYLVANIA TRACTS

The Pennsylvania railroad company has had a large force of men at work in "the narrows" below Lock Four, cleaning away the slides which gave so much annoyance on Thursday. The south bound track was clear this morning, and if there is no more debris from the hillside the tracks will be put back in good shape within a few days. However there still remains a large amount of debris to be removed.

Majestic Theatre Today

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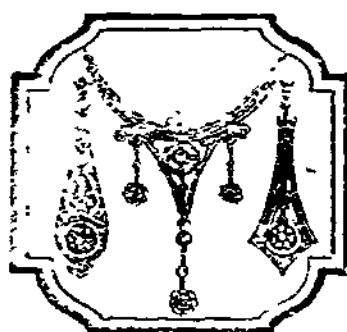
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